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**TELEVISION PROVIDING INDICATIONS RELATING TO NON-BROADCAST
INFORMATION WHEN IN INACTIVE MODE**

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS/INCORPORATION BY
REFERENCE**

[01] This application makes reference to, claims priority to, and claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application 60/478,288 (attorney docket number 14445US01) filed on June 13, 2003, United States Provisional Patent Application 60/444,098 (attorney docket number 14283US01), filed January 30, 2003, U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/443,996 (attorney docket number 14281US01), filed January 30, 2003, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/448,705 (attorney docket number 14330US01), filed February 18, 2003, United States Provisional Application 60/432,472, entitled "Personal Inter-Home Media Exchange Network" (Attorney Docket No. 14185US01 01001P-BP-2800), filed December 11, 2002, and United States Provisional Application 60/443,894, entitled "Personal Access And Control Of Media Peripherals On A Media Exchange Network" (Attorney Docket No. 14274US01 01002P-BP-2801), filed January 30, 2003, the complete subject matter of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference, in their entirety.

[02] In addition, the applicants hereby incorporate the complete subject matter herein by reference, in their entirety, of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/457,179, entitled "Server Architecture Supporting A Personal Media Exchange Network" (Attorney Docket No. 14825US01 01015P-BP-2831), filed March 25, 2003, United States Patent Application Serial No. __/__, entitled "Personal Inter-Home Media Exchange Network" (Attorney Docket No. 14185US02 01001P-BP-2800), filed September 8, 2003, and United States Patent Application Serial No. __/__, entitled "Personal Access And Control Of Media Peripherals On A Media Exchange Network"

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[03] [Not Applicable]

[SEQUENCE LISTING]

[04] [Not Applicable]

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[05] [Not Applicable]

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[06] An email subscriber must log in periodically to check whether email has arrived. Email sent by other subscribers accumulates at the service provider, until the subscriber connects and retrieves it. Some email software may provide visual or audible notice of the availability or arrival of email, but this is provided only when the computer is both on and connected to the email service provider. The notice to the user is usually in the form of an audio tone or voice message emanating from the speaker of the computer. If the computer used for email retrieval is turned off, enters standby mode, or if the user is away from the computer, there is no mechanism for the service provider to notify a user that email is available. A similar problem exists for recipients of other non-broadcast media content.

[07] Further limitations and disadvantages of conventional and traditional approaches will become apparent to one of skill in the art, through comparison of such systems with the present invention as set forth in the remainder of the present application with reference to the drawings.